

SENATE RESOLUTION 105
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to commend Aketa Marie Simmons for
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Aketa Simmons is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Thelma Harper; Aketa's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, receiving many high school accolades, she was among the *Who's Who Among High School Students of America*, was the Student Government Association President, was a National Achievement Scholar, interned for U.S. Congressman Bob Clement, and was awarded the William Randolph Hearst Scholarship to attend Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, a student at Belmont University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Simmons has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Sociology and Spanish and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; she has been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, was named the Most Outstanding Student of the Year in

the Political Science Department, and participated in the National Christian College Forensics Invitational; and

WHEREAS, she is a member and officer of several organizations and clubs, including the *Who's Who Among College Students of America*, the Executive Leadership Program, the Debate and Forensics team, the Black Student Association, and the Legislative Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuing her education in all arenas, Aketa spent a year at the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies in Spain; and

WHEREAS, Aketa has volunteered her time for many years with the Girls Scouts and has received many awards, and was a member of the Crittenton Abstinence Team Panel; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Aketa Simmons brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Ms. Simmons has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Aketa Simmons has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Aketa Marie Simmons for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Thelma Harper and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.